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## DAILY

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## Students, faculty mourn professor

By Randi Block

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly speech communication professor Cynthia Kivel died Sunday at Sierra Vista Hospital in San Luis Obispo.

Kivel, 32, suffered a brain aneurysm. She was recently engaged and her father is in town to take care of arrangements.

No services are currently scheduled.



KIVEL

Kivel taught Argumentation and Advocacy, Principles of Speech Communication and Public Speaking at Cal Poly. Before teaching at Cal Poly, Kivel taught at Cuesta College and Colorado State University.

"I thought she was an excellent teacher, and she also provided to the community," said James Conway, speech communication department chair.

Kivel taught at Cal Poly since 2000.

"She had a lifetime of teaching and work still ahead to contribute to the world and that was cut pre-

*"She had a lifetime of teaching and work still ahead to contribute to the world and that was cut prematurely short."*

**Susan Currier**  
associate dean of the CLA

maturely short," said Susan Currier, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Our sympathy goes out to her family, friends and students."

Her students also recognized her unique and valuable teaching style.

"She seemed like she had extensive knowledge pertaining to speech," said psychology sophomore Andrew Steingrube. "She genuinely wanted to make her students better speakers."

Kivel's classes focused on group work, which she encouraged in order for her students to gain a larger education base while in school, her students remembered.

"She always told us that college wasn't just about learning, it was about meeting people too," Steingrube said. "She definitely

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## A different face on dissent

By Valerie Angelo

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Vandenberg Air Force Base encountered a handful of protestors March 22 who were arrested for bypassing restricted territory as part of a protest.

Among the political activists was a woman known for her moral and ethical stature.

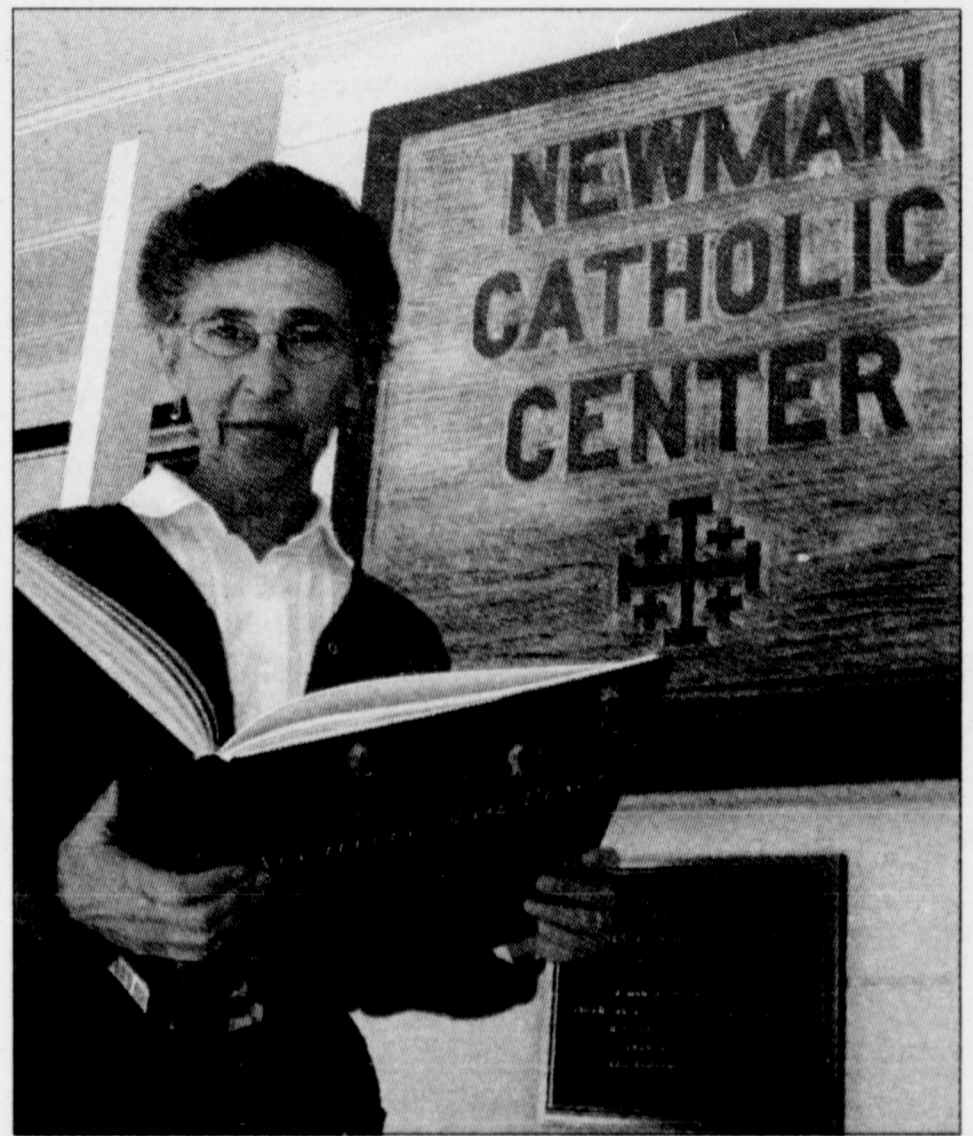
Sister Mary Pat White, a San Luis Obispo nun, renounced the war by committing civil disobedience along with other advocates of anti-war activities. To express her commitment to faith and peace, she and a companion stepped over the restricted line and knelt in prayer.

"I protested the war because I felt so strongly that it was immoral and unjust," White said. "I had to take a stand and do so with my whole being."

Through the years, White has been arrested several times for her acts of protest and what she said is her journey toward peace throughout the world.

She has spoken against bombing and wartime affairs. However, she said her primary concern has been bloodshed and the desecration of land.

"My actions in no way meant that I do not support the troops," White said. "I am just as concerned about their lives as I am



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**Sister Mary Pat White has spoken out several times against wartime affairs and bombings.**

the Iraqi lives."

Although her actions alone have spoken out to a great deal of supporters, White's execution of outward expression lies much fur-

ther than protesting in the name of her faith. She has received her bachelor's degree in English, a

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## SCE wins award — again

By Meghan Nowakowski

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The students in the Society of Civil Engineers club have done it again.

Cal Poly won the coveted Pacific West Regional Conference Competition for Society of Civil Engineers award last week for the ninth consecutive year.

The PSWRC took place at Arizona State University last Thursday and Friday. Fifty-five Cal Poly students boarded buses Wednesday morning to head to the conference where they competed in events like the concrete canoe, steel bridge building, concrete bowling and various impromptu competitions.

Ryan Ferguson, Society of Civil Engineers president and civil engineering senior, said the conference is full of opportunity.

"It introduces us more to the profession of civil engineering by exposing us to real-life situations such as organizing labor and meeting deadlines," Ferguson said.

Students spent hours preparing for the concrete canoe competition.

"Hundreds and hundreds of



COURTESY PHOTO

**Cal Poly's Society of Civil Engineers work on their concrete canoe at the Pacific West Regional Conference Competition at Arizona State University last week.**

hours were spent casting, sanding and staining," Ferguson said. "Paddlers practiced five days a week at 5 a.m. for several months before the conference, and it shows because they came in first in every single race."

The concrete canoe team will advance to the national competition in Nashville.

The steel bridge competition

challenges students to construct a bridge that holds 1,500 pounds. The bridge is judged on how much weight it can hold and how much time it takes to put it together. The Cal Poly team constructed its bridge in four minutes.

"Other schools are certainly intimidated by our winning record," Ferguson said. "There is

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## Arch film festival hits PAC this weekend

By Stacey Dorning

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

An unlikely coupling of two artistic mediums will bring architects and artists from all over the world to the Cal Poly campus this weekend.

"The Unscene" is a free, two-day film festival featuring art design and architecture student films. It will be held Friday and Saturday in Philips Hall in the PAC.

the Performing Arts Center.

Festival creator and architecture senior Aaron Walker said of all the film festivals out there, there aren't many that have to do with architecture.

"There isn't a presentation method available that shows architecture how it really is," Walker said. "By showing architecture in motion on film, it explains so much more."

A group of students from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design organized the festival after Walker came up with

the idea.

While studying abroad last year in Florence, Italy, Walker was intrigued by an architecture film festival he attended that was put on by Marco Brizzi. The show drew famous architects from all over Europe, sparking an idea that Walker would soon replicate on the Cal Poly campus.

"I was so inspired that I wanted to try and do something on a student level," Walker said.

Upon his return to Cal Poly, Walker created a Web site inviting architecture students to submit films for his festival. He also posted announcements on popular architecture Web sites to get the word out.

The response was remarkable, Walker said. He received more than 30 submissions by his February deadline.

The video submissions came from all over the world, including students in Poland, Australia and Greece, as well as from students across the nation and here at Cal Poly.

After receiving all the films, a selection committee was formed of

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## Weather Watch

### 5-Day Forecast

THURSDAY  
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### Today's Moon

Rises: 6:36 a.m. / Sets: 7:50 p.m.

### Today's Tides

Low: 4:25 a.m. / -34 feet  
High: 10:32 a.m. / 4.8 feet  
Low: 4:32 p.m. / .4 feet  
High: 10:35 p.m. / 5.8 feet

## Nutrition knowledge pays off for students

By Katie Schiller  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

What does it mean when an athlete "hits the wall?"

It means he or she has depleted important liver and muscle glycogen stores.

Cal Poly nutrition majors answered this health-related question and others in the first College Nutrition Bowl, a Jeopardy-style challenge held at Cal State Northridge on April 5. They shut down the competition, beating California State University, Northridge 70 to -5, and San Diego State 100 to 0.

"We owe a lot of the credit to our adviser, (Professor) Jana Gonsalves, because she met with us for practices," said nutrition senior Melissa Ramos, captain of the Nutrition Bowl team. "We were the most prepared team and it definitely showed."

The team took home \$1,000 to be split four ways, \$100 for the nutrition department and a plaque, Ramos said.

The four nutrition seniors — Ramos, Justin Robinson, Alison Hendricks and Laurel Carey — met once a week during winter quarter to practice.

Each participating school submitted questions for the bowl, Ramos said. The team, armed with electronic buzzers, studied facts they found in

books or on previous exams.

"These students are committed to their disciplines and have top study habits," said adviser Gonsalves, who is also a Cal Poly nutrition professor. "They were very well-prepared."

Cal Poly had an advantage over the other colleges because they knew what to expect, Gonsalves said. She said she had consulted with other professors about the College Food Science Bowl, which has a similar format.

Faculty selected the team from nutrition majors that wished to participate and came to practices, Ramos said.

Gonsalves said she chose to be involved because she wanted to promote enthusiasm for the nutrition department.

"I wanted students to participate in something outside the classroom," Gonsalves said.

The team defeated CSU Northridge and San Diego State in the first and second rounds, respectively, of the single-elimination tournament. Cal Poly, Pomona also competed in the bowl.

"Since this was the first-ever competition, we get to say that we're the all-time, un-scored upon champions," Robinson said.

Students were quizzed on their knowledge of such topics as vitamins and minerals, carbohydrates and fats, food service management, metabolism and other aspects of nutrition.

## What's Going On

Coming up this week

**\*Philosophy Colloquium** - The philosophy department will host a philosophy colloquium in UU220 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday. Three students will speak from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Professor Keith Abney will speak on human cloning and ethics of scientific research from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Professor Judy Saltzman will speak on Islam and religion from 2:40 to 4 p.m. Professor Fabienne Chauderlot will speak on the facets of French Feminism from 4:10 to 6 p.m.

**\*Tomato Mania** - There will be a tomato plant sale Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Poly Plant Shop.



### ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM & RECEPTION

Thursday, April 17, 2003

Panel: 4:00 - 5:30pm Phillips Hall (PAC-Rm 124)

Reception: 5:30 - 7:30pm Fisher Science Museum (Rm. 285)

A panel of guest speakers will be speaking about how they prepared to work in their current field, what their work entails, and how they feel their career impacts the environment on a daily basis.

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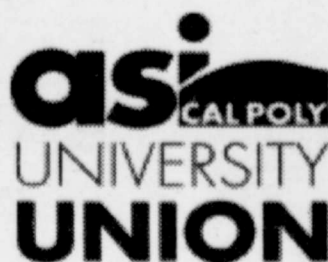
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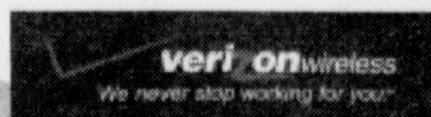
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## NationalBriefs

**Powell says there are no plans for military action against Syria**

WASHINGTON — Trying to calm a charged atmosphere, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday the United States has no plans to go to war with Syria or anyone else to bring democracy to a totalitarian state.

"Iraq was a unique case, where it wasn't just a matter of a dictator being there," Powell said at a news conference with foreign reporters. "There is no war plan to go and attack someone else, either for the purpose of overthrowing their leadership or for the purpose of imposing democratic values."

"Democratic values have to ultimately come from within a society and within a nation," he said, tempering heated rhetoric from Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and some other senior U.S. officials.

Having declared war against terror worldwide, singled out Iraq, Iran and North Korea as an "axis of evil," and then gone to war with Iraq, President Bush has raised fears abroad, particularly in Europe and the Middle East, that the world's only superpower would use its muscle freely against dictatorial regimes.

Accusations that Syria provided Iraq with war material, gave haven to senior Iraqi and Baath party officials and permitted Syrian fighters to join the war against the U.S.-led coalition fueled those apprehensions.

**Teamsters, GOP group join forces on environment**

WASHINGTON — Labor unions that disagree with their traditional

environmental allies are banding together with a Republican group to boost their political and lobbying might.

The Teamsters union and the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy have formed the Labor Environment Alliance to balance environmental issues with job creation, and to support moderate politicians — mostly Republicans.

The two groups successfully lobbied the House to pass President Bush's energy bill that opens Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, and decided to join forces for a showdown with the Senate.

The Senate last month rejected drilling in the refuge, and Democratic senators — including several running for president — have vowed to block any energy bill that would open it.

Beyond ANWR, the group also plans to tackle emissions reduction and road construction.

**New York judge: gay man can sue as spouse of deceased partner**

NEW YORK — A judge ruled that a gay man can sue a hospital as the spouse of another man who died a year ago, in what a gay rights group believes to be an unprecedented decision.

John Langan can proceed with his wrongful death lawsuit against St. Vincent's Hospital in connection with Neal C. Spicehandler's death, Nassau County Supreme Court Justice John P. Dunne said in a decision released Tuesday.

Adam Aronson, a lawyer for the gay civil rights group Lambda, said the ruling is the first in the nation to treat a same-sex couple joined in a Vermont civil union as a married couple. The

group represented Langan.

"This is a significant building block toward securing full equality for same-sex relationships," Aronson said.

Michael Fagan, a spokesman for St. Vincent's, refused to discuss the case, saying the hospital does not comment on pending litigation.

Langan and Spicehandler exchanged vows and rings in a civil ceremony in Vermont in November 2000, soon after the unions became legal. They had been together 15 years before their civil union.

Spicehandler was struck by a car on Feb. 12, 2002, and was taken to St. Vincent's, where he died three days later from medical complications. Langan sued the hospital as Spicehandler's spouse, alleging that Spicehandler's treatment by medical professionals was negligent and reckless.

## InternationalBriefs

**Pillagers sack, burn Baghdad's most important libraries**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Looters and arsonists ransacked and gutted Iraq's National Library, leaving a smoldering shell Tuesday of precious books turned to ash and a nation's intellectual legacy gone up in smoke.

They also looted and burned Iraq's principal Islamic library nearby, home to priceless old Qurans; last week, thieves swept through the National Museum and stole or smashed treasures that chronicled this region's role as the "cradle of civilization."

"Our national heritage is lost," an angry high school teacher, Haithem Aziz, said as he stood outside the National Library's blackened hulk. "The modern Mongols, the new

Mongols did that. The Americans did that. Their agents did that," he said as an explosion boomed in the distance as the war winds down.

The Mongols, led by Genghis Khan's grandson Hulegu, sacked Baghdad in the 13th century. Today, the rumors on the lips of almost all Baghdadis is that the looting that has torn this city apart is led by U.S.-inspired Kuwaitis or other non-Iraqis bent on stripping the city of everything of value.

**Critics at U.N. narcotics conference say 'no' to American anti-drug campaign**

VIENNA, Austria — Critics of a U.S.-led global crackdown on illicit drugs declared the policy a failure Tuesday, calling it "the war that America cannot win" and urging a United Nations commission to consider other approaches to the problem.

Activists, think tanks and non-governmental organizations asked the U.N. Commission on Narcotic Drugs to examine what they called a disturbing lack of progress midway through a global campaign to curb drug cultivation, trafficking and consumption by 2008.

Their harsh assessment came as delegates from 116 countries met in Vienna to review the ambitious anti-drug effort, launched by the U.N. General Assembly in 1998 and loosely modeled after the United States' "war on drugs."

"This strategy has failed," the European Drug Policy Fund said in a statement. "Far from making progress toward the goal of a 'drug-free world by 2008,' drug consumption is in effect on the rise in both industrial

and developing countries, as are drug-related crime and other social ill-effects."

**South African victims of apartheid to receive government reparations**

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Thousands of victims of apartheid in South Africa who testified before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission will receive one-time reparations of about \$4,000, President Thabo Mbeki said Tuesday.

That amount is about one-fourth of what the commission called for in its final report on crimes during the apartheid era. The report was issued in March.

Mbeki also said at a parliamentary debate about the report that the government would not support lawsuits or special taxes aimed at corporations suspected of supporting the apartheid regime.

"The South African government is not and will not be party to such litigation," Mbeki said.

He was referring to lawsuits recently filed in the United States on behalf of South African apartheid victims. One is a multibillion-dollar suit against mining giant Anglo-American and De Beers, the world's leading diamond producer.

In its report, the commission recommended that the 22,000 victims who testified should receive \$384 million from the state — about \$17,500 each. The government is offering \$84.5 million.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press news service by Mustang Daily news editor Andra Coberly.

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## Student Housing North Campus Workshop

**Friday, April 18, 2003**  
**2:00 - 4:00 pm UU220**

The campus community is invited to share its views on the new Student Housing North project at a workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday (April 18) in UU 220. While this meeting will be announced generally in the Cal Poly Report, we would particularly like to invite you to attend.

The workshop, sponsored by Administration and Finance, is designed to engage the campus community in thinking about ways "to create a 21st-century residential learning community" for a planned 2,700 students.

The workshop will begin with an overview of the Capstone partnership in the context of the university's Master Plan. Preliminary conceptual plans will be shown. Student Affairs will provide information on current residential life programming. Discussion will then focus on different program options to consider for the Student Housing North project.

Earlier workshops focused on the environmental setting of the project, Brizzolara Creek, and on Auxiliaries and Services. We will be announcing additional workshops during spring quarter as they are scheduled.



## Under the Radar

## Self starts morning right with 'Breakfast'

By Grant Shellen  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some musicians just make me sick. I've played several instruments for almost 10 years now, and I consider myself to be a fairly competent musician. But every now and then, I hear an album that makes me want to burn every musical instrument I own and take up knitting.

Matt Mahaffey of Self is one of those musicians. He started playing drums at an age when most kids are still learning not to put video-cassettes in the toaster. By the time he was in his mid-teens, Mahaffey had picked up guitar, keyboards and a few other instruments along the way.

He began recording and producing with local hip-hop artists during the day and playing with rock bands at night, developing a modern taste for pop hooks and killer beats.

After releasing a mostly self-performed album (hence the band's name) in 1995, Mahaffey enlisted the help of drummer Jason Rawlings, keyboardist/pianist Chris James, bassist Mac Burrus and brother and guitarist Mike Mahaffey to tour behind the record.

Though that band appears on much of Self's 1999 follow-up, "Breakfast With Girls," it is Matt Mahaffey's songwriting and singing that drive the record.

The album starts with a movie soundtrack-sounding piano part accompanied by spacey sound effects, before being interrupted by crunchy guitar, razor-sharp keyboards and a steady-but-rocking drum part. That song, "The End Of It All," moves back and forth between chugging rock and 1960s pop, a blend that is prevalent on "Breakfast."

Probably the album's biggest strength is Self's knack for filling in

empty spaces with interesting sounds. Unlike many popular albums where extra instruments are added just to beef up weak songs, Mahaffey's songwriting takes on lively textures with the addition of just the right guitar lick, keyboard tone or sampled drum-beat.

Clever lyrics are another part of the Self sound. On "Meg Ryan," Mahaffey sings, "If Meg Ryan were my personal taste/ I'd be atop the Empire State every Christmas." (The song's "Sleepless in Seattle" reference used to include "every Valentine's," but was changed for some reason — probably

rhythmic flow.) "The Uno Song" finds him writing his own version of the famous biblical passage about love: "Love is jealous and wicked/ sad songs have never depicted/ The love that I knew was always biting more/ than it could chew."

One area many bands fall short in is keeping listeners' attention for the full duration of a song. Mahaffey separates himself from many of his contemporaries who enhance rock songs with influences from hip-hop and electronic music by actually writing songs, not just grooves.

In the middle of "What Are You Thinking?," the song's bouncy pop-rock feel breaks down to give way to a mellow, ringing guitar while Mahaffey sings "Wait/ I'm not down just yet/ I've got mountains of regret/ and my sorrow fills an ocean." Strings come in, and the song slowly builds up to a beautiful rock crescendo that would make Weezer shiver.

Self's creativity didn't stop with "Breakfast." The band's next album was recorded using nothing but children's toys and instruments. Don't laugh — it sounds way better than most albums recorded with \$3,000 guitars and custom drum kits.

Self is busy working on a new album, and who knows what's next? Before that record comes out, I suggest you pick up "Breakfast" and become a fan.

I dare you not to.

Grant Shellen is a journalism senior who usually eats breakfast alone.



Self - Breakfast With Girls  
Dreamworks Records, 1999

## Recycle Bin

## Peter Weir's 'Fearless' style unmatched, underappreciated

By Doug Keesey  
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

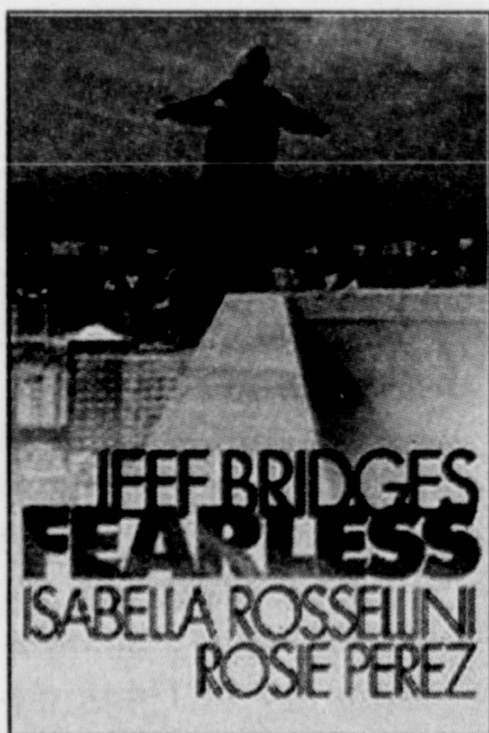
Director Peter Weir has made many fine films, including "Witness," "Dead Poets Society" and "The Truman Show." Some believe that the Australian films Weir made before coming to Hollywood are his best. When you get the chance, try "Picnic at Hanging Rock," "The Last Wave" or "Gallipoli."

Weir's most powerful film may be his least known: "Fearless." This is a moving but unsentimental movie with a meaningful subject, a gripping story and convincing performances by Jeff Bridges, Rosie Perez and Isabella Rossellini.

Then why didn't it do well at the box office? Because the subject is painful: How plane crash survivors deal with death and with the life ahead of them.

But this is not a documentary; it's a mysterious, surprising, dreamlike tale about very real grief, fear and fortitude.

This is a film with important things to say, but I won't tell you what they are because the way the film



communicates its meanings is vital to their understanding. Certainly, it is not a movie you are likely to forget. (The main reason it is rated R is for its sheer intensity.)

(1993; 122 min.; color; VHS/DVD)

Doug Keesey is a Cal Poly Film Professor.

## Waiting (Im)patiently

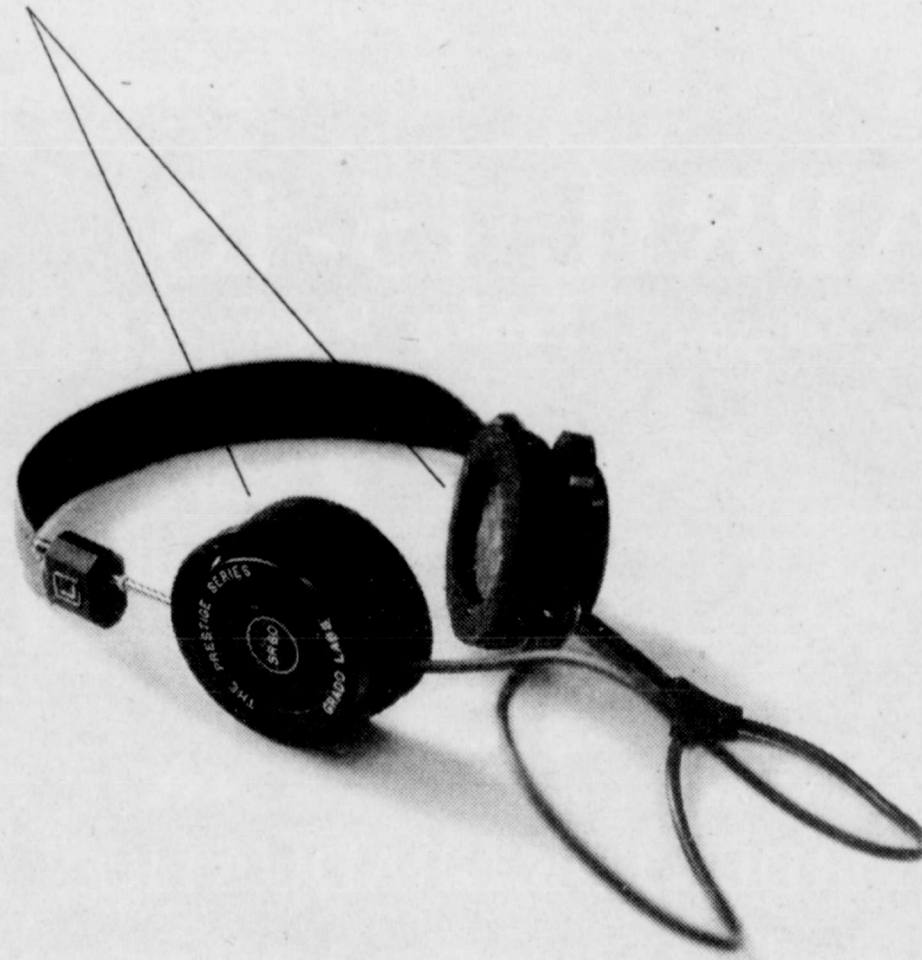


NELS GERHARDT/MUSTANG DAILY

Strange little girl? Devoted fan Theresa Gentry, a student at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, waited behind the music building Tuesday in hopes that Tori Amos would autograph her newly shaved head. Amos hit the Performing Arts Center Tuesday night to support her new album 'Scarlet's Walk.'

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# Options available to students for STD testing

**Q** Doctors are always preaching that you should be tested for STDs every time you switch partners. Where am I supposed to go and how much does it cost? Isn't it expensive and uncomfortable?

**A** They say what happens in Mexico stays in Mexico – this mantra holding true for any number of spring break Meccas across the country. However, that blurry night of fun can send you home with more than just some hazy memories. That's right folks; that funky rash or fiery urine probably didn't come from drinking the shady water out of the tap in the bathroom of your hotel. So, what do you do now?

**The Cal Poly Health Center:** The health center offers STD testing at reasonable rates. Many tests, including Gonorrhea and Syphilis, come free of charge. The test for Chlamydia carries a \$20 fee. However, this STD is the most common among the college demographic, infecting nearly 5 percent of college students, said Nancy Walden, R.N. of the Health Center. Sixty percent of women and 40 percent of men don't



## Troubleshooter

even show any symptoms, so if you have any reason to suspect a possible infection, sack up and pay the money to get the test.

Viral STDs like Herpes and HPV (the infamous genital warts), may be detected visually. If Herpes is suspected, the Health Center will run a \$29 test to diagnose. Unfortunately, you are stuck with these STDs for life, but there are treatments to alleviate symptoms and suppress attacks.

For more information about different STDs and their corresponding symptoms, the health center has some literature, and while you're there, you can make an appointment to get checked out.

**EOC Health Services:** Two great things stand out about the EOC Health Clinic. First, if you make less than \$1,400 a month, you qualify for free services. Most college students fall into this category and these free services include testing, treatment and any other exams that you might need. So for you cheapskates out there, your excuse is out the window. Secondly – this is for all of you guys out there – the EOC clinic conducts only urine tests on guys eliminating the need for that dreaded swab. That's comforting, isn't it?

The clinic has a few walk-in hours, but if you call to make an appointment they can get you in within a week or two.

Considering the long-term effects and potential complications caused by some of these STDs, not being tested if you are at risk is just plain stupid. Many of these problems can be cured with a simple antibiotic regime and that alone will prevent future problems such as infertility.

EOC Clinic Coordinator Amy Higgins says that many people don't get tested because they are scared and would rather not know.

"Don't be scared. Everything is either curable or treatable," Higgins said.

Besides, if you selfishly refuse to get tested, and you continue to be sexually active, you may be infecting other people. And that's not nice.

Sara Howell is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Troubleshooter is your chance to get answers to the questions plaguing your everyday life. Don't know the quickest route from the parking lot to class? Not sure what the contents of a hot dog are? Ask Troubleshooter any question, from dating to why it's hard to figure out how many classes you need to graduate. E-mail your questions to [troubleshooterMD@hotmail.com](mailto:troubleshooterMD@hotmail.com) and Troubleshooter will get on it.

## Letters to the editor

### Supporting troops means supporting students

**Editor,**

Listening to the news last night I thought about how the news coverage has made the war seem like a fictitious film. However, later in the evening a cable news channel had an interview with a Marine that mentioned he would like to get back to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he attended school. His position in Baghdad in no way compared to that in which we all attend classes. He mentioned his excitement about coming back to this town. This introduced a degree of proximity to the Middle East conflict. The war seemed to come home, locally.

Regardless of the views one may hold toward this war, supporting the soldiers, who also happen to be your fellow students, is a must.

Jeremy Welch is a business administration student.

### Site appropriate for protest

**Editor,**

I'd like to clarify my last letter a bit. As far as referring to people as anti-American, let me illustrate my point with an example. On Monday, April 7, there was an anti-war protest at the Port of Oakland. This port is one of many from which war supplies are being sent to our soldiers overseas. For this reason it was chosen as a protest site. Now one would think that this pro-peace group would demonstrate peacefully, taking full advantage of their First Amendment rights. But that's not what happened. Instead they blocked the roads that lead to the port in an attempt to stop the longshoremen from doing their jobs. Some protesters even went as far as throwing rocks and iron bolts at police. Now I think we all agree that people should have the right to free speech, but when someone intentionally interferes with our governments' carrying out of a war, I think they deserve more than a slap on the wrist. In fact Title 18 Part I, Chapter 105 of the U.S. code, states that anyone "with intent to injure, interfere with, or obstruct the United States or any associate nation in preparing for or carrying out war or defense activities ... shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 30 years, or both."

Clear enough? One more thing, I hear a lot of people say that they support the troops, but not the war. Do me a favor, when our troops return home I want you to ask them how the protests affected their morale while fighting for our freedom.

Casey Comstock is a political science sophomore.

### French motives shameful

**Editor,**

As a veteran of both Vietnam and the first Gulf War it saddens me to read of the news that our forces and the coalition forces have found caches of Iraqi weapons manufactured by, and purchased from France. It appears to this reader the French are motivated by the sale of their war arms rather than keeping world peace. And that is the French's second problem; their first problem is their lack of memory!

Seems they have forgotten the 10s of thousands of American GI's who gave their lives insuring France's freedom. Shame on you France!

Steve Carkeek is a resident of Folsom, Calif.

### Column only reinforces stereotypes

**Editor,**

Shallon Lester's recent commentary on gay men ("Gay guys and the straight gals who love them," April 10) and how great they are as a best friend made me throw up all over myself. Lester couldn't possibly have been more offensive if she had tried. Referring to all gay men as lov-

ing fashion, gourmet ice cream and calling them queens is stereotypical and indicative of the idiotic concepts society has about gay men. Get a flipping clue Lester. You've just alienated and offended any gay man who likes rugby, wears jeans and T-shirts and pumps punk music rather than your "Broadway musicals." If you consider yourself an enlightened person and a friend to gay people, you should smack yourself in the face and take a deep look at how you view homosexuality. Gay men are not mincing accessories for women to build their self-esteem and give them something to laugh about. If we all subscribed to Lester's view of stereotyping, I might venture to say that all women named Shallon are shallow, insipid and a detriment to minorities struggling to heave the horrible stereotypes people like her perpetuate. Do all gay men a favor and stop "helping" them out.

Barry Hayes is a political science junior who doesn't understand why this stereotype is acceptable.

### First-hand knowledge made forum worthwhile

**Editor,**

On Tuesday, April 8, I attended the Middle East forum put on by the College of Liberal Arts. All I expected was just another PSA pep rally. I was pleased to hear that all four featured speakers agreed to some fairly obvious but nonetheless hotly debated talking points. All agreed that Israel had a right to exist as a sovereign nation. All agreed that there is no excuse for terrorism. All agreed that Israeli attacks on Palestinians were direct responses to terror attacks. All agreed that it is not the fault of the United States that every single Islamic nation is currently under some sort of dictatorship.

The most moving testimony came from Tashbih Sayyed, an international expert on terrorism. Although a Muslim himself, he possessed an uncanny talent for objective introspection. He insisted that Islamic governments have not only hijacked the faith, but were leading it down a path of evil, founded in a vilification of infidels, a disdain for dissent and a hatred for freedom. Islam itself needed reform, and there is no 'Martin Luther' in sight, Sayyed said. Having himself lived for many years under an Islamic totalitarian regime, Sayyed made the point several times that the United States was his heaven, and the ideals it stands for should be adopted by his religion.

Some in the audience disagreed with Sayyed's perception, namely those who have enjoyed nearly limitless freedom in this country their entire lives. Their comments and pointed questions, however, were meaningless compared to Sayyed's first-hand knowledge.

Andrew Miller is a mechanical engineering junior.

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## Point / Counterpoint

## War coverage: How much reality is too much?

From "The Bachelor" to "American Idol," reality television is huge this year. Reality war coverage is no exception. With 24-hour news stations broadcasting non-stop war coverage, Americans can get their fill of every real aspect of "Operation Iraqi Freedom." Unless, of course, that aspect happens to be grisly footage of dead American soldiers who may have been executed.

On March 23, excerpts from Iraqi news footage showed American POWs under interrogation and about seven dead U.S. uniformed soldiers was aired during an interview with Defense Secretary Donald

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Rumsfeld on the CBS news program "Face the Nation." A sour-faced Rumsfeld chastised CBS for airing the tape and effectively bullied every other major news network into not airing the footage.

Would these images have been disturbing and gruesome? Probably. Would they have eroded domestic support for the war? Maybe. Should they have been aired regardless? Definitely.

Although the U.S. military has granted unprecedented access to journalists covering the war in Iraq by "embedding" them among the troops, the Pentagon hasn't been enthusiastic about networks airing footage of dead and dismembered U.S. soldiers lying on the battlefield. Perhaps it is because a consistent flow of graphic war coverage may start to sway public opinion against the invasion of Iraq.

Of course, there will always be a slight bias in war coverage, but the mainstream media seems to be massaging the hawks in the White House with PG-rated war footage. Networks have no problem airing innumerable broadcasts of soldiers aiding starving Iraqi children as they stare forlornly into American cameras. Prime time has turned into a propaganda circus with heroic human-interest stories and footage of battalions having ice cream together at

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the Baskin Robbins on base.

It is time to allow Americans to see the real bombs hitting the real cities and the real bullets piercing real flesh. The media needs to stop codding the public and sugar coating the atrocities that are occurring in Iraq. Didn't this country learn anything from the Vietnam War about blindly believing everything that military generals tell us? It is time to know exactly what American tax dollars are funding. This war is not a magnificent, heroic fantasy. These are not boys playing war.

Few dissenters are even given a voice in the war coverage. According to a study done by Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR), between Jan. 30 and Feb. 12 more than 75 percent of U.S. guests featured on network news programs were either current or former government or military officials. Only one of these sources – Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., – expressed any skepticism or opposition to the war. The networks have become cheerleaders for the government's official views.

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Laura Newman is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

When the location of troops or military strategy is given away in a time of war, or when a family sees their loved one being tortured by the enemy on the news, the media stops being a government watchdog and becomes intrusive and harmful to the country. One of the most crucial aspects of a democracy is the free flow of information and the governmental accountability that this creates.

However, in the current war with Iraq the media has overstepped the boundaries of responsible journalism.

It is impossible to turn on the television or open a newspaper without coming across some sort of war coverage. Pictures of dead and imprisoned American soldiers were shown on Iraqi television and picked up by some U.S. news channels. With about 600 journalists embedded in various military units, there is a constant stream of war information coming into American homes.

The government created a set of rules to which embedded journalists must adhere to stay with the units, mainly to encourage "security at the source." Restrictions have been placed on reports detailing the specific numbers of troops, the rules of engagement, intelligence information, future operations and the effectiveness of enemy defenses and troop movement, among other things. Although these constraints may seem intrusive, they protect both national security and the men and women risking their lives to fight the war.

Two members of the media have already been accused of violating these rules; both

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Christian Science Monitor reporter Phil Smucker and Fox's Geraldo Rivera have been reproached for reporting specific information regarding the location of troops. While it is in the public's interest to know as much about the war as possible, a public curiosity does not justify compromising the lives of soldiers and the outcome of the war by revealing information that means very little to the public.

Many journalists in their quest to get the story first have forgotten that the war involves real people whose lives are in real danger. When the exact location of a military unit is revealed it poses a serious threat to the safety of the soldiers and to the war strategy. This intense media coverage is also painful to the families of those serving our country, but this alone is not reason enough to stop the flow of information.

The main reason that the public does not need to see everything that goes on in war is that soldiers' lives are more important than details that are trivial to the average citizen. While an informed public is one of the most important things in a democratic country, there are some things the public just doesn't need to see.

Amy Hessick is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Letters to the editor

## COB spending plan available online

**Editor,**

This is a response to the student who inquired about the benefit from her academic fee dollars. The Orfalea College of Business fee information is available on the Web at <http://www.cob.calpoly.edu/fee/index.htm>, including the college's spending plan.

All academic fee money is spent in a manner consistent with the spending fee plan and the academic fee proposal. For example, additional sections of classes that would not be available without the academic fees are being offered, and a portion of the dollars are being spent on providing student support that otherwise would have been unavailable, given the current budget situation. As a side note, current enrollment statistics reveal seats available in both IT courses the writer is taking.

Professor Terri Swartz is the interim dean for the Orfalea College of Business.

## Supporting troops goes beyond political views

**Editor,**

Regardless of whether you feel the war in Iraq is just or unjust, as American citizens we have a responsibility to encourage our soldiers while we wait for them to return and also to encourage the families of those soldiers who worry daily while their loved ones remain in harm's way. Let's take advantage of a great opportunity to encourage and support our men and women who have been ordered to serve overseas. "Operation Support Our Troops" is here at Cal Poly this week. Stop by at the booth in the University Union through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and learn about how you can help out.

Nathan Jensen is an architecture senior.

## ASI deserves more credit

**Editor,**

In response to Sarah Schupbach's letter ("Class availability still lacking," April 10), I think our tuition fees were spent correctly.

Sarah only picked on the departments, which I applaud. They are the only ones here that might mispend money, unlike Associated Students, Inc. ASI invests in great projects, like the Epicenter in the University Union. With all that extra space in their office now they

can play basketball to relieve all that stress. They took out the art gallery, but it was not like it had any works by Monet or Renoir, it was just full of Cal Poly art. If anything, ASI needs more money. They promised clubs a better club workroom, but even with all the fee increases they still cannot get decent computers or printers. ASI needs help. With all the fee increases they barely got up the butcher paper for everyone to put in their opinions about the war. That was \$20 well spent. Money saved for a rainy day!

ASI does a really good job endorsing Cal Poly, like during concerts. Our fees to bring well known bands, like the String Cheese Incident last fall. Seeing all those groupies and few Cal Poly students at the Rec Center made me proud. You guys were really nice to let them drink and sell food in the parking lots without an E-plan on a dry campus. And since most the Cal Poly police were watching them, people across campus can get away with petty crimes like assault.

ASI, no matter what people say, you're cool in my books!

Thomas Razo is a civil engineering senior.

## Dodgers vs. Giants: The great debate

**Editor,**

I was happy to see a new "important" topic in the newspaper, Giants and Dodgers baseball, but some things need to be addressed.

In response to Josh Reynolds' remark ("The Real Debate: Dodgers or Giants," April 7), "The Dodgers are a pathetic team, always have been and always will," I simply need to lay out the facts. There are over 50 hall-of-famers who have worn Dodger Blue. The Dodgers have also won six World Series titles. What is pathetic about that?

I know the Dodgers have not won in the postseason in a while, but it is kind of hard when half of your payroll pitches a total of 10 innings a season and your lineup is plagued with constant injury. Even though L.A. has seen hard times the past years, at least the Dodgers have won a Championship in the past half-century. The Giants haven't won a World Series since 1954, and that was when they were in New York! Is "pathetic" the word used before? They have the greatest player ever to wear a uniform, but it is a shame he will never wear a ring.

In addition, what is the deal with people from Northern California always running their mouths? This is my fourth quarter at Poly, and before I got here, I never gave two thoughts about Northern California. I lived in California, not Southern California. Whether it be badmouthing about the Kings being "robbed," how my air was smoggy or their "Nor\*Cal" shirts, there's constant talk.

Nor\*Cal? More like No\*Class.

Matt Sclafani is an agribusiness freshman.

**Editor,**

I am writing in response to a letter printed a few days ago, ("Dodgers will be there when it counts," April 14). The simple question of which is a better team is easy, the GIANTS. I have been a Giants fan since, well, as long as I can remember and have hated the Dodgers for just as long. But I have no problems with Dodger fans, I actually give them respect for voicing their support to such a horrible franchise (even if it is only for innings 3 through 7). The fans that really annoy me are band wagoners, i.e. Angels fans. There weren't any Angel's fans until the 2nd round of the playoffs (proof is in their attendance), at which time all of L.A. decided to go and buy new hats (has anybody else noticed that every Angels hat is brand new?) Remember, just because you're from L.A. doesn't make you an Angels fan. I live with a so-called Angels fan and he doesn't know who David Eckstein is. Anybody can be a fan of a winning team, but a true fan will stay through the rough times. I know the Dodgers have had a long drought, but pick a team and stick with it. To all the true fans out there, enjoy the new season, and for everybody else, I'll be waiting to hear your new team come October.

Kane Duncan is a mechanical engineering junior.

**Editor,**

It's clear that the Dodgers don't even compare to the Giants. I know it's early in the season, but take a look at the standings now. The Giants are 12-1, and the Dodgers are 5-8 (through Monday). The Giants have finished ahead of the Dodgers six years in a row and have made the postseason three of those years (including winning the NL pennant last year, and having the best record in the majors in 2000) and came within a few games in the other three, while the Dodgers haven't made it once. Over the last 10 years only the Yankees and Braves have a better winning percentage, and in the last 100 years, only the Yankees were better than the Giants.

Also, the Giants are doing all this with much less money (\$78 million vs \$95 million), even after spending \$317 million on Pac Bell Park. The Dodgers were baseball's least profitable team last year, losing \$25 million. (Their owner is trying to sell them.) Despite Andrew Steingrube's criticism about Pac Bell Park ("soft, frilly, new age playground"), it was ranked by ESPN magazine as the fourth-best park of the 131 teams in pro sports. Dodgers' fans reflect their team in that Dodgers games are never sold out and half the Dodgers fans I know suddenly started wearing Angels hats last fall.

By the way, do you know what the Dodgers were called before they were the Dodgers? The Brooklyn Bride Grooms. Tell me that's not the lamest team name you've ever heard.

Joe Demers is an architectural engineering senior.



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encouraged group work so we could meet everyone else in class.”

Kivel’s classes will be taken over by other staff members on campus beginning this week.

R a y m o n d Zeuschner will teach one of Kivel’s SPC 101 classes.

“I’m going to try to step in so the students can have a continuous education and a good experience in this class,” Zeuschner said.

Although she was only part of Cal Poly’s faculty for three years, she had many friends on staff and will be greatly missed.

“It was really such a surprise,” Zeuschner said. “She was getting to be a regular member of the faculty. She was really caring and generous and had such a young and bright future ahead of her.”

Outside of teaching, Kivel was

an active volunteer for SARP (Sexual Assault Rape Prevention), a hotline in San Luis Obispo aimed at helping people who have suffered from either an assault or rape. Kivel answered phones during the week and on the weekends.

“She did such a wonderful job here,” said Marilyn Hamilton, director of SARP. “It is going to be hard to replace her. It is just so shocking; she was so young.”

In honor of her commitment to this cause, the speech communication department will make a donation to SARP in Kivel’s name.

Kivel received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in speech communication from Colorado State University.

A brain aneurysm, which Kivel suffered, is a weakness in the wall of a blood vessel. A part of the brain deprived of blood dies and can no longer function.

Raymond Zeuschner professor

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some animosity between us, but once we all start competing, the other schools start relaxing and we all have a good time.”

Ferguson also recognizes the competition is getting tougher.

“We did well, but the competition is getting tougher every year, particularly University of Arizona and Cal Poly Pomona,” he said.

Next year the annual conference will be held at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

“I think that we will have more pride about it being at our school,” Ferguson said. “People will take

more responsibility because we are representing ourselves by holding it at Cal Poly.”

Conference coordinator and civil engineering junior Kimmie Schmidt said the event went smoothly.

“We all had a really good time,” Schmidt said. “It was a really good opportunity to meet alumni and talk to professors from other schools. It was an excellent learning experience.”

Civil engineering senior Andrea McGrath-Massie said she also enjoys the social aspects of the conference.

“It’s really fabulous because you get to know people in your classes on a personal level,” McGrath-Massie said. “You end up becoming good friends with the people who

“It introduces us more to the profession of civil engineering by exposing us to real-life situations such as organizing labor and meeting deadlines.”

Ryan Ferguson  
Society of Civil Engineers president

were your acquaintances. It is also good networking for meeting engineers from other schools, and you end up seeing them at conferences the next year.”

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architecture students, who reviewed the films and chose which films were to be shown. The committee selected about 95 percent of the films submitted, Walker said.

One of the featured artists is architecture senior Frank Mahan. His film “Indeterminate Use” explores the theoretical concepts behind his architecture thesis project.

“It was natural for me to make my video about my thesis project because I’m always preoccupied by it,” Mahan said.

The festival will also feature the film “Dance by Design,” which was

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Frank Mahan  
architecture senior

created by Harvard medical student Valerie Weiss. The film shows the story of a woman trying to choose between a career in architecture and a career in dance.

“The Unscene” features some presentations that are straightforward and others that are more obscure, Walker said.

One of the more obscure perfor-

mances will be from visual artist Marco Lutyens, who will give a special workshop on a project called “Second Skin.” “Second Skin” investigates a new international effort to form a hypnosis-based approach to architecture.

Some said the festival will show architecture in a new light.

“The festival is a really interesting opportunity because it gives both architecture students and other students a chance to see the relationship between architecture and other fields that most architects don’t get the opportunity to see,” Mahan said.

For a complete schedule of the film festival and other information, visit the Web site [www.calpoly.edu/~adwalker](http://www.calpoly.edu/~adwalker).

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master’s degree in education, a master’s degree in administration and a master’s degree in spirituality.

After working several years in educating young children, she moved on to campus ministry to help develop relationships and spiritual growth within the Catholic community.

Currently, she can be found working up close and personal with Cal Poly students at the Newman Center. Her job enables her to actively take part in the students’ lives and be a spiritual facilitator for them.

“I try to enable students to do

whatever they want to do,” White said.

Chris McJimsey is a student administrative intern.

“White is very mellow, kind and passionate,” she said. “She acts as a spiritual guide and helps students talk through problems. She provides social justice and faith-building experiences.”

Although White has been a vocal opponent to the war, her standpoint in no way reflects her responsibilities as a spiritual leader and Newman Center representative.

“In no way are my acts on behalf of the Newman Center or anyone else,” White said. “I stand for peace and justice in the world, and I do that by serving myself.”

Although the outcome of her

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Chris McJimsey  
administrative intern

civil disobedience has yet to be decided upon, White said she would accept the consequences of her action and stand before a magistrate on June 20. Until then, she can be found at the Newman Center counseling and guiding students through their interpersonal faith and friendship.

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## Cal Poly Softball

## 49ers strike gold in sweep

► Mustang bats stifled in three consecutive losses to Long Beach State

By Amy Hessick  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly softball dropped both games in a doubleheader against Long Beach State on Saturday at Bob Janssen Field. The 49ers took the first game 3-2 and the second 4-1.

"We battled, but someone's got to win in the end and we just couldn't make it happen," said Eva Nelson, the Mustang pitcher in the first game.

Both teams were scoreless in the first game until the fourth inning, when the 49ers took advantage of two Cal Poly errors and scored two runs. But the bottom of the fourth, a walk and a wild pitch placed two Mustangs on base. Natalie Carrillo of Cal Poly answered the 49er runs with a triple, sending in both runners and tying up the game.

"It was good that we came back; we didn't just lie down and die after they scored in the first game," Nelson said.

As the game went into extra innings, the score remained tied at two until the top of the ninth, when Long Beach's Colleen Burdick clinched the game with a solo home run to right field that the Mustangs were unable to answer.

The Mustangs, who lead the conference in errors, committed four in game one while the 49ers committed none.

"Our mistakes definitely cost us in the first game," said Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer.

The second game also began with the 49ers scoring in the second inning, and despite three errors, the 49ers continued to dominate throughout the rest of the game.

Mustang losing pitcher Jamie



DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Shannon Brooks slides in safely at home plate during the Mustangs' 3-2 loss Saturday.

Gelbart (7-9) was relieved by Cassie Vanderbeek after two RBIs by Long Beach's Arleigh Thorp and Jamie Farnworth in the fifth inning. Long Beach pitcher Meredith Cervenka (5-8) had five strikeouts and allowed six hits for only one run in a winning effort.

The 49ers finished off the game in the seventh inning when Thorp hit a double and sent Colleen Burdick home for Long Beach's fourth run.

The Mustangs have never won a season series against the 49ers. Last season, the 49ers took two out of three games in the series against the Mustangs.

"Long Beach is not necessarily the stronger team, but they played better than us and that's all that matters in

the end," Boyer said.

After Sunday's game was rained out, the 49ers completed a sweep of the Mustangs on Monday.

Arleigh Thorp hit a two-run homer in the top of the seventh to lift Long Beach State to a 5-3 victory over Cal Poly at Bob Janssen Field on Monday afternoon. The Mustangs fell to 17-29 (3-6 Big West), while the 49ers improved to 16-14 (5-0), sweeping the three-game series with the Mustangs.

While the 49ers scored first in the top of the fourth, Cal Poly bounced right back to take the lead in the bottom half. After Chelsy Stoufer and Roni Sparrey singled to lead off the inning, Holly Ballard drew a walk to load the bases for Shannon Brooks,

who doubled to score Sparrey and Stoufer. Natalie Carrillo then followed with a sacrifice fly to score pinch runner Stephanie Payan to give the Mustangs a 3-1 lead.

Stoufer was 2 for 2 in the game with a run scored.

In the top of the seventh, Lindsay Johnson singled up the middle right before Thorp homered to give the 49ers the lead for good.

Meredith Cervenka picked up the win in relief, going three innings and retiring nine of the last 11 Cal Poly batters. Eva Nelson took the loss and is now 4-9 on the season.

The Mustangs return to action Friday with a doubleheader vs. UC Santa Barbara at Bob Janssen Field. First pitch is scheduled for 12 p.m.

## Ephedrine: 'All-natural' doesn't mean safe for consumers

After 23 years of life and a promising career, Steve Bechler left behind his wife and unborn child, all because he fell victim to society's obsession with quick fixes. The death of Bechler, a Baltimore Orioles pitcher, may have been the straw that broke the camel's back. Bechler, whose Feb. 17 death was caused by heatstroke, has been linked to his use of Xenadrine, an ephedra-based "dietary supplement."

After years of controversy, Bechler's death may be the one that triggers a change in the way these "dietary supplements" will be offered to consumers.

Bechler's wife Kiley had tried to convince her husband not to take Xenadrine, but he didn't listen. Bechler had been cited for being out of shape by Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove. In a desperate attempt to lose 10 pounds, Bechler took Xenadrine as a way to boost energy, lose weight and increase muscle mass. It can be assumed that Bechler felt that this was only a permanent fix to

a temporary problem.

Taking ephedra-based supplements is like playing a game of Russian roulette — you're crazy for playing it and lucky if you survive.

The FDA classifies ephedra as a drug, not a dietary supplement as manufacturers call it. It works by stimulating the heart and central nervous system to lose weight, increase metabolism and burn fat. Ephedra, which constricts blood vessels and raises blood pressure, inhibits the body's ability to cool itself. Bechler died of organ failure brought on by heat stroke when his body temperature reached 108 degrees.

The problem with dietary supplements, especially those containing ephedra, is the manufacturers can claim they are "all-natural," which consumers take to mean safe.

Despite the repeated warnings to athletes that the use of ephedrine was not safe, popularity remained high and reports continued to be made of the serious side effects and even deaths that were occurring because of it.

Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Korey Stringer died after col-

lapsing during training camp in 2001 due to his use of ephedrine supplements. In August of the same year, Rashidi Wheeler, a Northwestern University football player, collapsed and died during a workout due to his use of the same supplements.

Most adverse reactions to ephedrine containing products are due to overdosing or long-term use. The overdose of these supplements can be attributed to vague directions for use and deceitful terminology of the ingredients. Although manufacturers of these products warn against exceeding the recommended dosage on their packaging, they do not explain the repercussions of the overdose or explain how much consumers should limit ephedra or caffeine. Wheeler drank the ephedra-based sports mix Ultimate Punch and used Xenadrine with teammates prior to his death. Bechler was allegedly taking three capsules of Xenadrine RFA-1 each morning; two capsules per day is the recommended dose. Consumers are often fooled into taking other supplements, which they believe to be ephedra-free due to the deceitful terminology on some dietary supple-

ments. Often, labels include obscure designations for ephedra or ephedrine, including "Ephedra sinica," "herba ephedrae," "epitonin" and "ma huang extract."

Ephedra is a drug much like tobacco. In a desperate attempt to stay thin and look and perform as society tells us to, consumers are making irresponsible health choices and overlooking harmful side effects. Much like tobacco addiction, consumers will keep buying products such as Xenadrine because they believe that these deaths are something that could never happen to them.

FDA regulation of all ephedra-containing supplements as over the counter drugs would be the best way to help decrease deaths. It would control unverified label claims and discrepancies between product contents, and also label ingredient descriptions and potentially harmful label directions.

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### SCORES

BASEBALL	6
vs. pacific	14
MEN'S TENNIS	6
vs. uc davis	1
MEN'S TENNIS	0
vs. santa barbara	7
SOFTBALL	2
vs. long beach state	3
SOFTBALL	1
vs. long beach state	4
MEN'S TENNIS	6
vs. cs northridge	1

### SCHEDULE

BASEBALL	fri., april 17, 6:30 p.m.
vs. long beach st.	@ long beach
BASEBALL	sat., april 18, 6:30 p.m.
vs. long beach st.	@ long beach
BASEBALL	sun., april 19, 1 p.m.
vs. long beach st.	@ long beach
TRACK	fri.-sun., april 17-19
vs. lbc invite	@ long beach
W. LACROSSE	thurs., april 17, 6 p.m.
vs. ucsb	@ sports complex
MEN'S AND W. GOLF	mon.-tues., april 21-22
vs. big west	@ TBA
SOFTBALL	fri., april 18, 12 p.m.
vs. ucsb	@ cal poly
SOFTBALL	sat., april 18, 2 p.m.
vs. ucsb	@ cal poly
SOFTBALL	sun., april 19, 12 p.m.
vs. ucsb	@ cal poly

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Cal Poly's Pat Breen leads the Big West in three offensive categories: Home runs (8), RBIs (37) and slugging percentage (.767). He also leads the Mustangs in triples with three.

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Errors committed this season by starting centerfielder Billy Saul and catcher Cory Taillon.

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#### today's question

Which player set a record for goals scored in an NHL All-Star game this year?

Submit answers to: [jljackso@calpoly.edu](mailto:jljackso@calpoly.edu)

#### Monday's question

How many players have at least 400 home runs and 400 stolen bases? One (Barry Bonds)

Congratulations Erik Hansen, Brian Della Maggiora, Dave Wilson, Mike Chapman and Adam Westrich!!

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